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Dear Ms. Robbins:

Thank you for your letter of July 4 expressing your concern over the disappearance in Argentina of Laura Irene Dorfman and Blanca Haydee Altman, and the imprisonment of Jose Ehrlich and Isaac Rudnik Ortiz.

We had no previous awareness of the imprisonment of Mr. Ehrlich and Mr. Ortiz, but we have been aware of the disappearance of Ms. Dorfman and Ms. Altman for some time. Our Embassy in Buenos Aires has made repeated inquiries concerning the welfare and whereabouts of Ms. Dorfman and Ms. Altman at the Argentine Foreign Ministry's Working Group on Human Rights. Unfortunately, the Foreign Ministry has replied that the Government of Argentina has no record of the detention of Ms. Dorfman and Ms. Altman, nor any information concerning their whereabouts.

Please be assured that we will remain alert to any information that might become available and will notify you of any significant developments.

Sincerely,

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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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